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January 4, 1949

Dr. Stewart M. Robinson  
Second Presbyterian Church  
East Jersey Street, near Broad  
Elizabeth 4, N. J.

Dear Stewart:

Some years ago a Miss Elizabeth Farr did some work on the Presbyterian, as well as some Congregationalist, chaplains of the American Revolution. She spent a great deal of time in gathering the material. We have this on file here in manuscript form. I think it would be well for you to see this before we should try to engage some one to do some searching for you, because of the time that would be involved. Such information is not easy to locate.

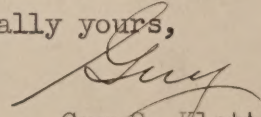
In addition to this work by Miss Farr we have some data on chaplains prior to the Revolution that would be useful.

Mr. W. I. Rutter, 525 S. 41st St., Philadelphia 4, Pa., may be able to guide you in connection with information on chaplains of the Episcopal Church. He has been connected with their Church History Society.

I do not know about the Congregationalists for information of that character other than to suggest your writing to the Rev. Frederick L. Fagley, 287 Fourth Ave., New York 10, N.Y., who is one of the Associate Secretaries and was Chairman of the National Committee on Army and Navy Chaplains.

With sincerest regards for the New Year, I am

Cordially yours,

  
Guy S. Klett

P.S. The Historical Society of Pennsylvania, 13th & Locust Sts., Phila., has considerable material in the form of manuscript letters on chaplains in Colonial America.

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1 March 1949

Mr. Stewart M. Robinson  
23 Kempshall Place  
Elizabeth, 3, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Robinson:

I regret to inform you that we have not been able to identify the Andrew Hunter of whom you inquired in your letter of 23 February. In the Office of the Register of Wills of this county there is a will made by David Hunter and it is recorded in Will Book B, 52, of date 7 June 1766. You might wish to secure further information on that will from Mr. Claude P. Young, Register of Wills, York.

Very truly yours,

*Nell. W. Reeser*

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Research Assistant

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5 March 1949

Mr. Stewart M. Robinson  
23 Kempshall Place  
Elizabeth 3, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Robinson:

Without especially investigating Will Book B, page 52 of date 7 June 1766, I could not say what the Letter of Administration issued to Thomas Hunter might give.

A report on local records of the Hunter families will be prepared if you desire. The enclosed Prospectus outlines the plan for genealogical research that is followed here.

Because of illness it is expected that our Genealogist, Mrs. Ralph S. Cannon, will be unable to undertake research for some time. When it is possible for her to resume the work you will be notified and given an opportunity to engage her services if you desire.

Very truly yours,

*Nell. W. Reeser*

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Research Assistant

NWR/B  
Enclosure

KATHERINE M. HUNTER  
BERKELEY SPRINGS  
WEST VIRGINIA

April 7th, 1949

To the Rev. Stewart M. Robinson

Dear Mr Robinson:

I am not of the direct line of the Rev. Andrew Hunter, 1752- 1823) If you can secure the genealogical book, "The Seldons of Virginia and Allied Families", vol.2, page 131, you will find the line of Hunters, you are looking for, and also several items of interest, on Capt. David Hunter.

Do you know there was another Andrew Hunter (Rev.) in New Jersey, who no doubt was an uncle of the other Andrew, and a brother to Capt. David Hunter. I have nine vols. of New Jersey Will Abstracts, and I find in Vol. 5- page 264, the will of Andrew Hunter, of Hopewell, Cumberland Co., N.J. Proven 1775. Wife Amy, brother, Nocolas, sister Elizabeth, sister Nancy of Ireland, and nephew Andrew Hunter. In will book nine, page 194, " Amy Hunter (at present) of Trenton, Hunterdon Co; widow of the Rev'd Andrew Hunter dec'd; To The Rev'd Andrew Hunter, my mourning ring marked A.H.-----

I am enclosing a few notations, of mine, which might help genealogically or if you wish to go back to Ireland, for earlier information.

KATHERINE M. HUNTER  
BERKELEY SPRINGS  
WEST VIRGINIA

I have a complete set of nineteen vols. of Penn.  
Archives Books (2 Series) and should I find any thing of  
interest on Capt. David Hunter, will send it to you.

Sincerely

*Katherine M. Hunter*

EIGHTEEN WEST JERSEY STREET  
ELIZABETH 4, NEW JERSEY

April 18, 1949

Dr. Stewart M. Robinson,  
Second Presbyterian Church,  
East Jersey Street, near Broad,  
Elizabeth 4, N. J.

Dear Dr. Robinson:

I was interested in your letter stating that Chaplain Hunter had a sister Nancy who married a John Kean. I am wondering if he spelled it Kean and what part of the country he came from.

Unless my great, great grandfather, John Kean, was a bigamist, I am sure he is not the John Kean who married Nancy, for he was born in South Carolina in 1756, the son of James Kean of Charleston, and Jane Watson, and he married Susan Livingston a niece of the governor. He died in Philadelphia in May 1795.

There is a family of Keans in Virginia and there was also supposed to be a brother of James Kean in Philadelphia.

Sorry I cannot give you any information in regard to the John Kean you refer to, or to Nancy Hunter.

Yours sincerely,

*John Kean*

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LIAN P. BOYD, Librarian  
LAWRENCE HEYL, Associate Librarian

November 10, 1949

Dear Stew,

I have seen Mr. Wertenbaker. He tells me that for skilled service such as you require, you had better estimate on 200.00 dollars per month. You should also put down expenses for stationery and materials; nor should you neglect to set down a proper amount for travel expenses.

One of your chief sources will be, according to T. W., The Clinton Papers at the Univ. of Michigan, i.e. ~~that is~~ the records of the British Headquarters. Mr. W. also tells me this: That Episcopal Ministers very often in Revolutionary days moved to N. Y., where they received chaplaincies in the British Army. The Clinton Papers would probally give a good deal about them.

I will take up the matter of Heitman's Register More later.

Yours ever,

*H. L. S.*

Henry L. Savage.

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November 14, 1949

Dr. Stewart M. Robinson  
Second Presbyterian Church  
East Jersey Street  
Elizabeth 4, New Jersey

Dear Dr. Robinson:

Dr. R. E. E. Harkness, President of the American Baptist  
Historical Society, of Crozer Theological Seminary, Chester,  
Pennsylvania is a very good man and I would suggest that you  
write him direct.

Hoping that he will be able to give you the desired infor-  
mation and with kindest regards.

Cordially yours,

Joseph C. Hazen

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November 18, 1949

Mr. Stewart M. Robinson  
Second Presbyterian Church  
Elizabeth 4, N. J.

Dear Mr. Robinson:

I have your letter of November 15th, concerning "names and relevant facts about Baptist ministers in our colonial period until 1787." We have an abundance of material of this nature in the Seminary library as well as in that of the American Baptist Historical Society. I am not sure by your letter just what sort of material you want or what period of time. It will be quite necessary, I think, for you to visit our library so that we can the more readily and clearly understand your wishes and place before you whatever sources you may wish.

It is against the constitution of the American Baptist Historical Society to loan out books and papers. These must be kept always in the library building. You can borrow such items, however, from the Seminary library.

We shall be very pleased indeed, to have you visit the two libraries and I assure you we shall be happy to place before you all that is germane to your subject.

Very sincerely yours,

*R. E. E. Harkness*

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December 1, 1949

Dr. Stewart M. Robinson  
Second Presbyterian Church  
East Jersey Street, near Broad  
Elizabeth 4, N. J.

Dear Stew:

We have done some checking with only partial success in identifying the four chaplains who were mentioned in the manuscript material that you saw in Washington.

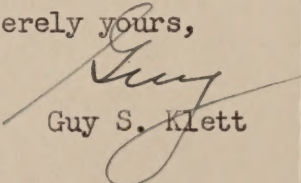
John Ellis was a Baptist. An account appears in Sprague's Annals of the American Pulpit, VI, 827.

Robert McMordie was a Presbyterian. Adam Boyd and Robert Blackwell have not been identified. Richard Webster's History of the Presbyterian Church, p. 602, has a brief sketch of Robert McMordie.

Perhaps we can unearth more information when you drop in to see us.

Thanks for your kind wishes! I trust you and your folks will enjoy a happy Christmas Season.

Sincerely yours,

  
Guy S. Klett

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December 8, 1949

Dear Stew,

Day before yesterday I went to Phila. and saw Klett. There will be no difficulty about our securing photostats of sermons at P.H.S. Klett also promises to send us a letter informing us of some ask him to give us an exhaustive list, but his letter will be helpful when it arrives.

I spoke also to Larry Heyl about your clerical assistant. What I would do is this. Write him a note and ask him if you might not consult with him, when you are next down here, being careful to tell him the day on which you are down. I think it is important to be thus specific, because his time is pretty well rationed out.

Yours ever,

*H.L.S.*

Henry L. Savage.

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December 20, 1949

Rev. Stewart M. Robinson  
23 Kempshall Place  
Elizabeth, New Jersey

My dear Stew:

Come when it is convenient for you. I am quite well tied up till after New Years, but that need not disturb you. Before you come, make an appointment to talk with Mrs. G. A. Freda, 34 Wilton Street. She has a good deal of office experience, and is, I believe, a good typist, though she does not take dictation. You may meet and confer in the Princetoniana Room. Heyl will try to find some one satisfactory.

Yours sincerely,

HLS/t

Henry L. Savage

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December 29, 1949

Dr. Stewart M. Robinson  
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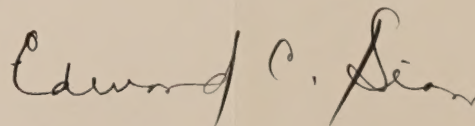
Dear Dr. Robinson:

I have your letter of December 28th and was  
pleased to hear from you.

Your inquiry presents several problems; and it  
seems best to refer you to the two best sources of  
information at our disposal. The one is Sprague's  
Annals of the American Pulpit (v. 6 is Baptist); and  
to Cathcart's Baptist Encyclopedia. Accordingly I  
am mailing you these two volumes from our Seminary  
Library. They may be kept one month, and may be re-  
newed upon request for one month in addition. If  
Sprague's Baptist volume helps you, you may wish to  
consult the volumes for other denominations (9 vol.  
set) from time to time.

The preface of Sprague has a list of names which  
will give you a good start.

Sincerely yours,



Edward C. Starr  
Curator and Cor. Secy

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PRINCETON UNIVERSITY  
Inter-Office Correspondence

DEPARTMENT OF

To

DATE

FROM

12/31/'49

SUBJECT

My dear Stewart: :

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I have "wangled" it that the books you wanted are to be held for you at the desk (Main desk) of the Library. You can take them and use them anywhere you want - but, at present at least, you must bring them back <sup>to that desk</sup> at the end of your day - we're open till 12 Midnight - where they'll be held for you. A little later we may be able to encompass an arrangement <sup>more</sup> ~~for~~ suitable and convenient, but at present we have to be content with the present one.

The Politics Dept. rules wont sanction use of a typewriter or recording machines in its study room or seminars. If you want to use these, ask Geo. Ruffield to show you a place.

On Wednesday I must be in Phila., but I'll see you soon, for your business will expand, and Messrs Boyd and Dodds are on record as favouring it and fostering its expansion.

A Happy New Year to you and Anne  
and all the children.

Yours affly.

H. L. S.